FIRE ALARM INSPECTING AND TESTING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
OVERVIEW

The Fire Alarm Inspecting and Testing Certification program was implemented in
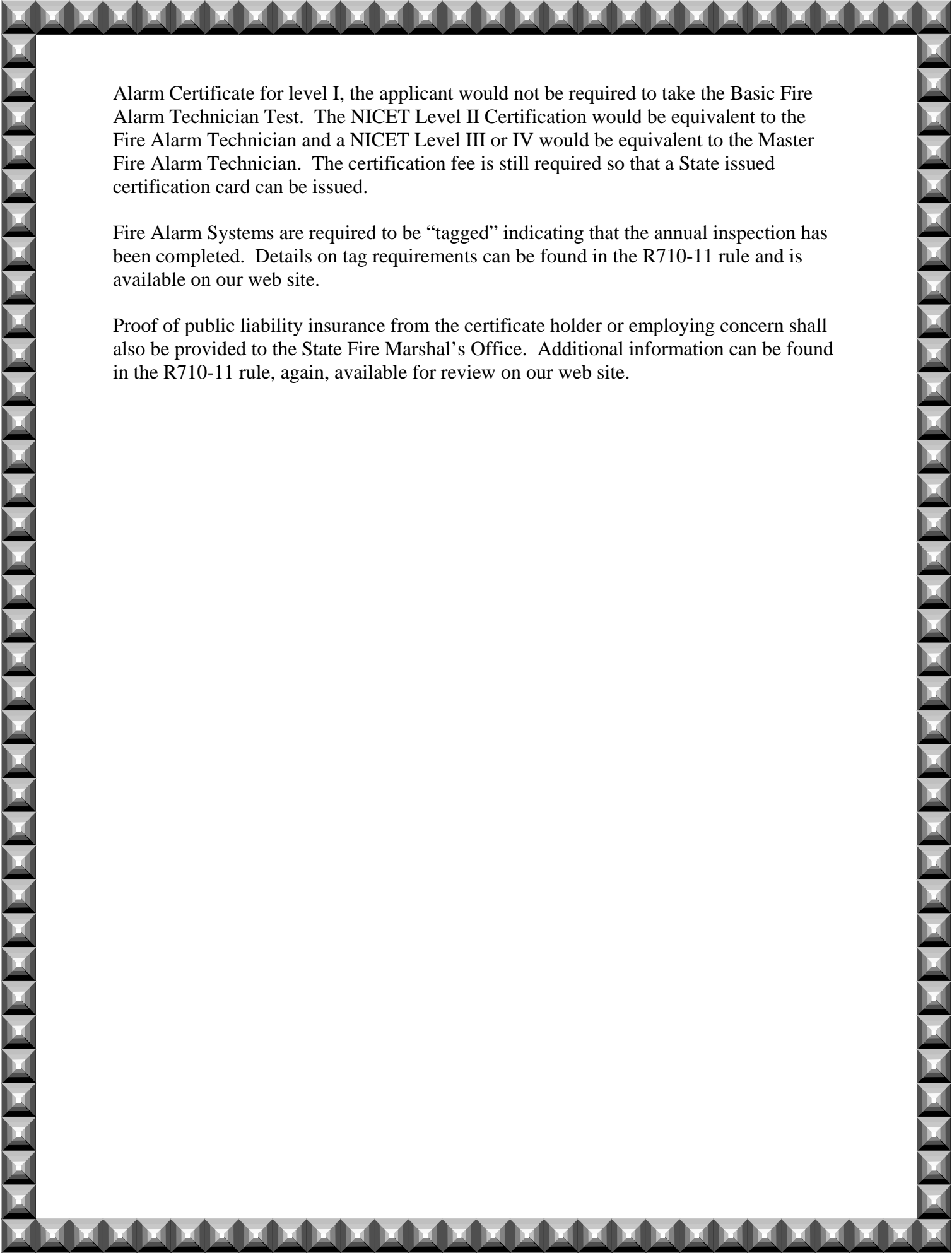January of 2007.

The program consists of three levels of certification. The first level is called the Basic
Fire Alarm Technician and is required for those individuals who are new to the fire alarm
industry. An employer will have 90 days after hiring a new employee, to prepare the
individual to take the Basic Fire Alarm Technician examination. The individual is
required to pass this open-book exam with a minimum score of 70 percent and will be
required to complete a Manipulative Skills Task Book. The task book is required to be
completed and returned to the State Fire Marshal's Office within 60 days of issue. Upon
completing the task book, passing the test and payment of applicable fees, a certification
card will be issued. A person holding the Basic Fire Alarm Technician Certification is
required to have direct supervision of his/her work by an individual who holds a higher
level of certification.

The second level of certification is the Fire Alarm Technician. This level of certification
is directed to those individuals who are experienced in the inspecting and testing of fire
alarm systems in buildings up to four stories. To obtain this certification, an individual is
required to complete the requirements for the Basic Fire Alarm Technician, including the
task book, and pass the Fire Alarm Technician examination with a minimum score of 70
percent.

The third level of certification is the Master Fire Alarm Technician. This level of
certification is directed to those individuals who are experienced in the inspecting and
testing of fire alarm systems in high-rise buildings and buildings equipped with smoke
evacuation or smoke control systems. This level of certification requires the applicant to
meet all of the requirements of the Basic Fire Alarm Technician, the Fire Alarm
Technician and pass the Master Fire Alarm Technician exam with a minimum score of 70
percent.

All of the examinations are open-book with the majority of information to be found in
NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm Code, 2007 edition. The Fire Alarm Technician
Examination will have some information to be found in the Utah State Fire Marshal's
Administrative Rules, R710-4, and R710-11. These rules can be found on our Web site
www.firemarshal.utah.gov. The Master Fire Alarm Technician examination will have
some information to be found in Chapter Nine of the International Fire Code, 2006
edition. A copy of the International Fire Code will be available for reference in our
office at the time of the exam. Please review the Certification Examination Requirements
found on our website prior to taking the exams.

The three levels of certification are intended to coincide with the NICET levels of
certification for Fire Alarm Systems. If an applicant can display a current NICET Fire

Alarm Certificate for level I, the applicant would not be required to take the Basic Fire Alarm Technician Test. The NICET Level II Certification would be equivalent to the Fire Alarm Technician and a NICET Level III or IV would be equivalent to the Master Fire Alarm Technician. The certification fee is still required so that a State issued certification card can be issued.

Fire Alarm Systems are required to be "tagged" indicating that the annual inspection has been completed. Details on tag requirements can be found in the R710-11 rule and is available on our web site.

Proof of public liability insurance from the certificate holder or employing concern shall also be provided to the State Fire Marshal's Office. Additional information can be found in the R710-11 rule, again, available for review on our web site.